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Securities and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
450 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington DC 20549
United States of America



Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose a copy of the following Stock Exchange Releases which has/have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") in relation to:

 Mauritania Offshore Drilling Update, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 7 June 2005.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9214 2728) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

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Mauritania Offshore Drilling Update

Chinguetti Development Wells

Woodside Mauritania Pty. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., reports the following activity offshore Mauritania.

The 'Stena Tay' drill rig departed Mauritania on 2 June 2005 for planned upgrade work in Las Palmas in the Canary Islands. On its return to Mauritania, the rig is scheduled to resume operations on the Chinguetti development and to drill a series of exploration and appraisal wells.

The 'West Navigator' drillship continues working on Chinguetti development wells.

Woodside does not plan to issue announcements regarding operations on Chinguetti development wells, but will do so if necessary to comply with its continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules.

The locations of the Chinguetti oil field, and the Tiof and Banda discoveries are shown on the attached map.

Wells are expected to be drilled in three production sharing contract areas during the campaign. Participating Interests in the Chinquetti development and those areas are:

Company	Chinguetti Development	PSC Area A	PSC Area B	PSC Area C6
Woodside group companies (Operator)	47.38448%	53.846%	53.846%	37.578%
Hardman group companies	19.00800%	24.3%	21.6%	22.422%
Groupe Project Chinguetti	12.00000%			
BG group companies	10.23440%	13.084%	11.63%	
Premier group companies	8.12328%		9.231%	
ROC Oil group companies	3.24984%	4.155%	3.693%	5.0%
Fusion group companies		4. 615%		
Petronas Carigali Overseas Sdn Bhd				35.0%

